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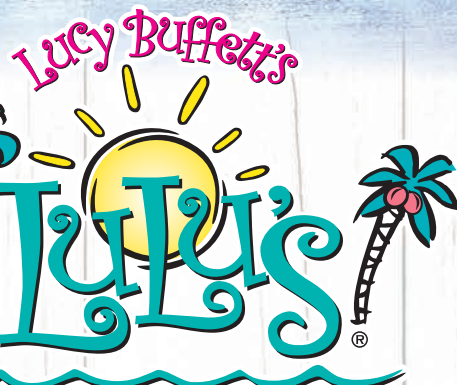
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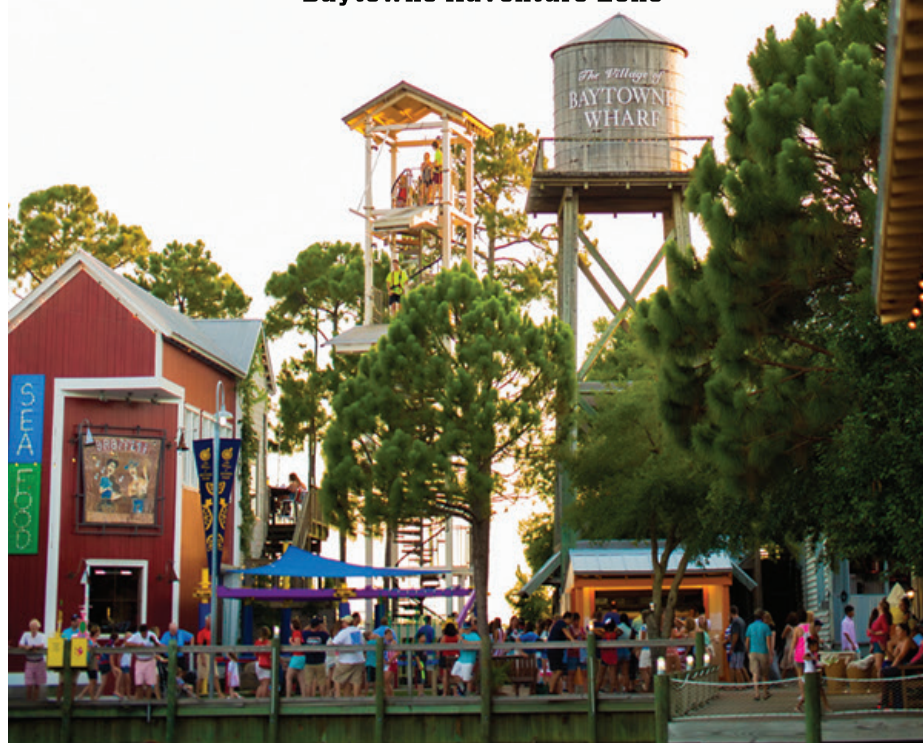
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Back in Black



Rockers Holy White Hounds—featured in our Aug. 25 BEACHCOMBER—read about themselves during an appearance at local radio station 103.1 “The Blaze.” That’s photographer Clay Redmond’s girlfriend Krista Van Riper—apparently the only person who was aware a picture was being taken.

Thirty-Eighth Annual Destin Seafood Festival featured artist

Diane Black hails from the small town of Alcoa, Tennessee. She was first introduced to Destin as a child, when she would vacation at Sandpiper. Black earned her Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree and worked 25 years as a graphic designer. In 2008, she returned to school and earned her nursing degree.



She also pursued a new art medium—watercolor painting. As a nurse, Black traveled the southeast on assignments and was fortunate to work in the Florida Panhandle in 2011. This is where she first pulled out her brushes to capture the Gulf of Mexico and its wildlife.

Now blessed with a permanent job in Walton County, Black calls Walton County home. The proud mother of two—and even prouder grandmother—is inspired to paint by the clear sunlight, sparkling waters and joy our beach life brings.

We’re looking forward to meeting Diane at this year’s event **Sept. 30-Oct. 2** on the lovely Destin Harbor. For more on the Seafood Festival—and nine other must-go fall festivals—jump to page 14.

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

We’re always on the lookout for stunning artwork for our cover, any “15 Great Something-or-Other” listicles to tie in with *The Beachcomber’s* 15th Anniversary, photos from recent events, and reviews of live music performances (local or otherwise). Email chris@beachcomberdestin.com. Big things are coming this fall, and we’d love to have you on board.

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Artist JoAnne Jones has called the Emerald Coast home for decades. Born in England at Burtonwood Air Force Base, she's lived in North Africa and several states in this country. After her father's retirement, the family settled in Fort Walton Beach where she first encountered "the sand between her toes."

Jones has worked with textiles, pencils, charcoal and most varieties of paints, her favorite being acrylic. She considers her work eclectic, though her art is heavily influenced by the natural beauty of our area. She is continually exploring different themes and styles. She believes in learning new techniques and introducing oneself to new ideas.

fellow artists and art enthusiasts in this wonderful artsy community.”

Jones is a member of the Cultural Arts Alliance of Walton County and a committee member of A+ Art. Her work has been featured in the A+ Art, Top of the Class and Express Yourself Art exhibits. She is thankful for the support and recognition she has received from her fellow artists and her patrons. Her pieces have been sold to admirers throughout the United States and several foreign countries.

JoAnne Jones is the featured artist at the Walton County Coastal Branch Library in Santa Rosa Beach this month. Discover more at **facebook.com/JoAnneJonesArt.**

- Cheryl Gray

"When you express yourself in a medium that you enjoy and love passionately it can be so rewarding," the artist says. "I feel fortunate to be given the opportunity of surrounding myself with

ART CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

ARTFUL THINGS, 1087 East John Sims Parkway, Niceville. Call 850-729-2600 for more info.

Tuesdays. Oil with Rosalyn O'Grady,
10 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m. Cost is \$20 per
session plus supplies. Call Ros at 850-865-5343.
rosalynogrady.com.

Wednesdays. Watercolor with Lou Kaunzinger, 10 a.m.-noon. Cost for four-week session is \$80 plus supplies. Call Lou at 850-897-1456.

Thursdays. Landscape Painting with Carol Ann Cain, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Cost is \$25 per session plus supplies. Call Carol at 850-543-3575. carolanncain.com.

Fridays. Beginning Head Studies with Charlotte Arnold, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Cost is \$25 per session plus supplies. Call Charlotte at 850-240-7888. **CharlotteArnoldFineArt.com.**

Saturdays. Kids' Drawing with Sarah Coleman,
10 a.m.-noon. For ages 11-15. Cost is \$25 per
session plus supplies. Call 310-717-4302 for
more info.

ARTS AND DESIGN SOCIETY (ADSOS) Classes at the Art Center Gallery, Fort Walton Beach. More info at artsdesignsociety.org.

Mondays and Wednesdays. Clay and Pottery Open Studio, 9 a.m.-noon both days and 6:30-9 p.m. Mondays. Beginners welcome. Cost for morning classes with **Pat Basque** is \$12 (\$10 for ADSO members). Cost for Monday evening class with **Marcy Eady** is \$15 (\$12 for ADSO members). Materials and firing included.

Tuesdays. Oil Painting with Dale Gauvin,
9 a.m.-1 p.m. Learn the Chiaroscuro technique
favored by the old masters. Cost is \$85 (\$70 for
ADSO members).

Tuesdays. Open Studio, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 7-9:30 p.m. Bring your own supplies and work with other Beachcomberland artists. Cost is \$7 (\$5 for ADSO members).

Sept. 10 and 24. Fantasy Sculpture in Clay Workshop with Mercedes Rodgers.

10 a.m.-3 p.m. (Sept. 10) and 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (Sept. 24). Cost—including all materials and firing—is \$125 (\$110 for ADSO members). For more info and to sign up, call 850-244-1271 or visit the ADSO website.

Sept. 24. Watercolor Batik on Rice Paper with Sue Tarkin,
9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Cost is \$105 (\$90 for ADSO members), plus \$15 supply fee. Use wax and watercolors to build up an image of a bulldog. No drawing skills required. Register by **Sept. 15** call 850-244-1271.



Oct. 14-16. Bigger, Faster, Fresher, Looser Abstracts Workshop with David M. Kessler, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Cost is \$275 (\$250 for ADSO members)—students provide their own materials. Deadline for registration is Friday, **Sept. 16.** Visit ADSO's website or call 850-244-1271.

EMERALD COAST GALLERY & GIFTS, Destin. Call 850-460-8644 to register for classes, and visit emeraldcoastartgallery.com for more info.

FULL CIRCLE GALLERY, 29 B Eglin Parkway,
Fort Walton Beach. Call 850-362-8041 or visit
fullcirclefwb.com for more info.

Thursdays. Pottery a la Carte, 6-8 p.m. Cost per session is \$35.

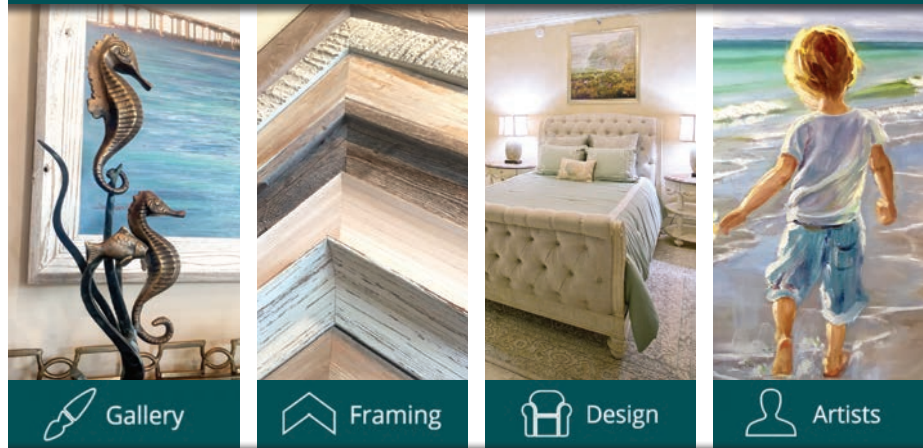
HH ARTS, 100 Beal Parkway SW, Fort Walton Beach. Call 850-218-2155 to register or get more info.

Sept. 9. "Mixed Media: Mixing It up with Linda,"
10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Learn many techniques from renowned artist **Linda Kernick**. Cost is \$30, prepaid with cash or check. Please bring canvases (two 8x10 and one 16x20) plus apron and water container—paints, stencils, gesso and paper will be provided. Call Helen at the number above to sign up or visit the HH Arts page on Facebook.



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Adult classes start at \$85, kids start at \$35. Sign up online at ShardShop.com or call 850-231-0544.

ART EVENTS

THROUGH SEPT. 30. ARTS AND DESIGN SOCIETY (ADSO) WINDOW GALLERY DISPLAY AT THE ART CENTER GALLERY, FORT WALTON BEACH
This month, the spotlight falls on **Ann Tucker**.



THROUGH SEPT. 30. ARTIST OF THE MONTH ANDY SACZYNSKI AT 45 CENTRAL WINE BAR, SEASIDE



Saczynski has appeared on *The Beachcomber's* cover on a few memorable occasions. More at fortyfivecentral.com.

THROUGH SEPT. 30. JOANNE JONES AT WALTON COUNTY COASTAL BRANCH LIBRARY, SANTA ROSA BEACH

Longtime Emerald Coast resident Jones considers her work eclectic, though it's heavily influenced by the natural beauty of our area. She's a member of the Cultural Arts Alliance of Walton County and serves as a committee member for A+ Art. More at Facebook.com/joannejonesart.

THROUGH SEPT. 30. MARLA ARMSTRONG AT DESTIN LIBRARY

The library showcases Niceville artist Armstrong's range of work (watercolor and acrylics). She's a member of ADSO and has won numerous awards for her paintings and photography. Call 850-837-8572 for more info.

SEPT. 11. URBAN ARTIST UNLIMITED GULF COAST (UAUGC) MEETING AT CHESTER PRUITT RECREATION CENTER, FORT WALTON BEACH

From 4 to 6 p.m., get acquainted with the new "Artist of Color Group" as they plan and discuss things they can do as an art group for our community. Contact Janette at jtfwb4sure@gmail.com for more info.

OPENS SEPT. 27. THIRTY-THIRD NORTHWEST FLORIDA TRI-COUNTY FAIR FINE ARTS SHOW AND RECEPTION AT C.H. "BULL" RIGDON FAIRGROUNDS, FORT WALTON BEACH

Sponsored by the Arts and Design Society and the Northwest Florida Fair Board, the show—which also includes high school and middle school art this year—runs through Oct. 1. Reception scheduled for Sunday, **Sept. 25**, 2-4 p.m. Call 850-582-1329 for more info.

OPENS SEPT. 27. ADSO'S "AUTUMN" SHOW AT THE ART CENTER GALLERY, FORT WALTON BEACH
Celebrate fall and attend the opening reception Friday, **Sept. 30**, from 6 to 8 p.m. More at artsdesignsociety.org, or call 850-244-1271.

SEPT. 28. ADSO LUNCHEON AT THE ART CENTER GALLERY, FORT WALTON BEACH

Mixed media artist **Ann Wagner** speaks at 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$12 if you make your reservation by **Sept. 26**. After that, it's 15 bucks. Call Risa at 850-376-3901 or email adsorsvp@gmail.com.

ART GALLERIES

ADARO ART is a new gallery with works from 2015 South Walton Artist of the Year **Juan Francisco Adaro**, as well as other well-known local and international artists. Located in the Uptown Shops of Grayton on Scenic Highway 30A next to Another Broken Egg Café. Open Tue.-Sun., 9 a.m.-5 p.m. 51-1 Uptown Grayton Circle, Grayton Beach, 561-985-5767. Email adarart@gmail.com for more info. www.adarart.com.

ARTFUL THINGS Original oils, watercolors and acrylics, as well as prints and note cards by local artists. Art classes, supplies and custom framing available. 1087 John Sims Pkwy., Niceville, 850-729-2600. www.artfulthings.net.

ARTS AND DESIGN SOCIETY Features art shows by local and regional artists. Open afternoons Tuesday through Saturday. Shows change monthly. Art classes and workshops in various media. 17 First Street SE, Fort Walton Beach. 850-244-1271. www.artsdesignsociety.org.

CARA ROY ARTWORKS Florida tropics, watercolors, posters of all kinds, note cards, original artworks and gift items. Available at Fusion Art Glass Gallery in Seaside and Grand Boulevard at Sandestin. www.cararoyartworks.com.

EMERALD COAST GALLERY & GIFTS features a plethora of one-of-a-kind paintings, handcrafted jewelry, handmade furniture, glass art, prints, home décor and gifts from over 30 local and area artists. Check online at emeraldcoastartgallery.com for classes and workshop schedules. Classes are given by gallery owners **Claire Gagne** and **Jennifer Viane** and other featured artists in the gallery. Classes include acrylic painting, watercolor, mosaic glass and shard glass. Come on in and have some fun! Gallery is located in the McGuire's Shopping Plaza in Destin between Boca Boutique and McGuire's Sushi. 850-460-8644.

FULL CIRCLE GALLERY AND STUDIO is a contemporary and inspirational art space. We feature the works of regional artists in our gallery and offer an array of art classes with award-winning artists. We also have Paint Your Own Pottery. Come get creative with us! Located at 29B Eglin Parkway SE, Fort Walton Beach, 850-362-8041. www.fullcirclefwb.com.

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MARY HONG GALLERY Located next to the Shard Shop in the Shops of Grayton. Mary Hong is the 2014 South Walton Artist of the Year and has been featured in over 10 publications, as well as on the Golf Channel's *Morning Drive Show* hosted by Matt Ginella. Mary's take on glass art incorporates the use of repurposed glass on painted canvas. She and her team offer classes at the Shard Shop located adjacent to her gallery. There is an extensive retail section full of thousands of pounds of glorious glass and art kits to take your ShardART on the go. We host parties and team events, too. Come break some glass with us! Open Mon.-Sat., 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sundays, noon-6 p.m. 26 Logan Lane, Grayton Beach. 850-231-1416. MaryHongStudio.com.

MATTIE KELLY ART GALLERIES AT NORTHWEST FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE The Arts Center Galleries at Northwest Florida State College in Niceville encompass two galleries showcasing 20 different international, national and regional exhibitions yearly, which are unique to this region. Viewing hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, 1-4 p.m. Visit www.mattiekellyartscenter.org or call 850-729-6044.

CALL TO ARTISTS

Arts and Design Society (ADSO) is calling all artists for the **33rd Northwest Florida Fair Fine Arts Show Sept. 27-Oct. 1**. Any medium. Turn in dates are Friday, **Sept. 23**, noon-5 p.m.; and Saturday, **Sept. 24**, 9 a.m.-noon. Entry fee for adults is \$25 for up to five pieces. High school and middle school students can pay \$2 per piece for up to five pieces. Entry form available at artsdesignsociety.org. Call 850-582-1329 for more info.

ADSO's "Autumn" Show. Open to all artists in any medium, as long as your creation celebrates autumn. Cash awards. Turn in dates are Saturday, **Sept. 24**, 1-4 p.m.; and Monday, **Sept. 26**, 9 a.m.-noon. Entry fee is \$35 for two pieces (\$25 for ADSO members). Call 850-244-1271 or visit artsdesignsociety.org for more info.

Mattie Kelly Arts Foundation is now accepting applications for the Adult Collaborative Art Exhibit component of this fall's Festival of the Arts. The competition is open to the first 25 eligible applicants. Application deadline is Thursday, **Sept. 15**. For an application, call Deb at 850-650-2226. More info at mattiekellyartsfoundation.org.



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Artist Spotlight

Rosalyn O'Grady
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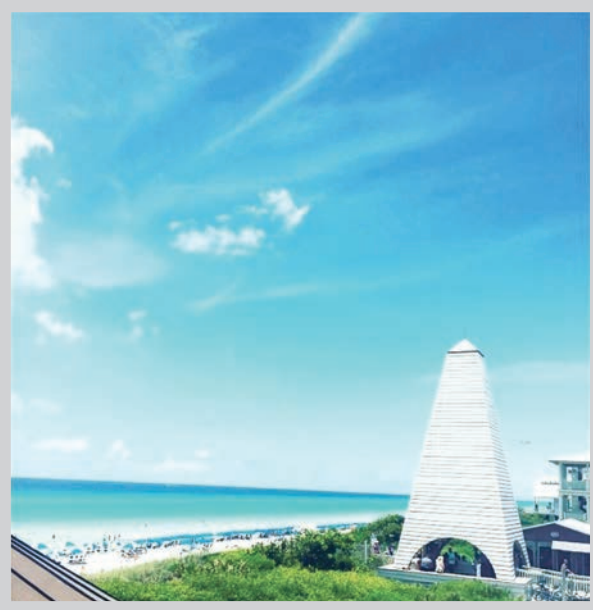
In recent years, Rosalyn O'Grady has painted primarily with oils and pastels. She enjoys painting figures and still lifes, as well as painting the landscape in plein air. She teaches classes in which a person can learn to see, understand, and apply the basic concepts of painting.



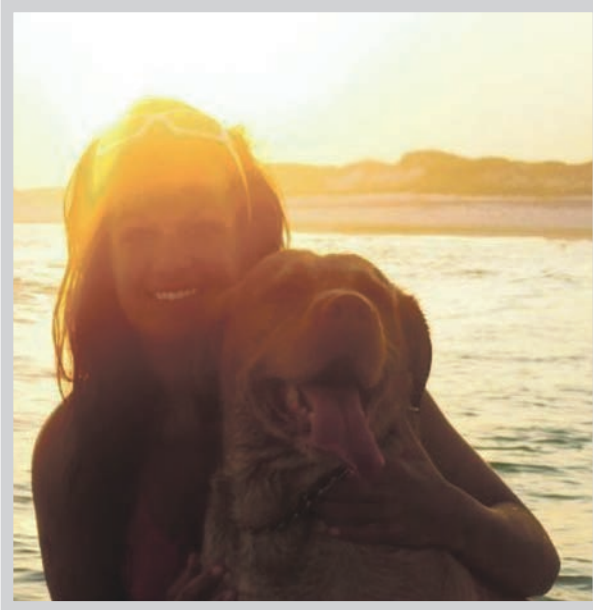
Rosalyn has openings in her Tuesday afternoon class from 1-3 at Artful Things. Call her to sign up at 850-865-5343.

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StudioAmped Welcomes Destin's Hotel Oscar and More for New Season

WSRE, PBS for the Gulf Coast, invites music fans to be part of the live studio audience for ninth season of the televised concert series **StudioAmped**. From **Sept. 30** through **Oct. 13**, nine shows will be recorded in the WSRE Jean & Paul Amos Performance Studio in Pensacola. All shows begin at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6. Admission is FREE, but donations for MANNA Food Pantries will be collected and are greatly appreciated.

The new season begins with the annual Pensacola Beach Songwriters Festival Special Friday, **Sept. 30**, with artists appearing from the festival—details to be announced. The rest of the lineup is as follows:

MONDAY, OCT. 3
Southern Drawl Band
Nashville, Tennessee
southerndrawlband.com

The band provides a highly acclaimed and unique brand of music, “distilled in the backwoods of Tennessee” and mixing country, bluegrass and both southern and tropical rock.

TUESDAY, OCT. 4
Nick and the Ovorols
Pensacola
nickandtheovorols.com

Deep soul, spirited guitar-driven rock and a bit of psychedelia injected into a heavy bedrock of electrified blues.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 5
The Vegabonds
Nashville, Tennessee
thevegabonds.com

New South rock heavily influenced by both southern and modern rock for a familiar yet fresh sound.

THURSDAY, OCT. 6
Lee Yankie & The Hellz Yeah
Gulf Shores, Alabama
reverbnation.com/leeyankiethehellzyeah

Down-home sounds with plenty of slide guitar and tinges of everything from blues-rock to gospel, R&B and soulful country.

MONDAY, OCT. 10
Hotel Oscar
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hoteloscarband.com
Beachcomber Music Award winning American roots rock band built on a solid foundation of funk and influenced by '60s and '70s artists like Bob Dylan, the Band, Talking Heads and the Kinks.

TUESDAY, OCT. 11
Paw Paw's Medicine Cabinet
Mobile, Alabama
reverbnation.com/pawpawsmedicinecabinet

An eclectic mix of writing styles delivers soulful, funky and danceable uptempo originals that are easy on the ears.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 12
The Mulligan Brothers
Mobile, Alabama
themulliganbrothers.com
Traditional Americana with folk, country and blues balanced against lyrics that are often sharply contemporary.

THURSDAY, OCT. 13
The Truth Featuring Cat Rhodes
Pensacola
catandthetruth.com
High-energy blues, R&B, jazz and funk influenced by legends like B.B. King, Koko Taylor, Bessie Smith and Muddy Waters.



“This year, in addition to local and regional bands, we’ve been able to secure national touring bands that have played along the Gulf Coast,” says the show’s executive producer **Bill Harrell**.

“I don’t think we’ve had a season like this before where so many of the bands have brand new albums out, which fits perfectly with our mission to showcase musicians playing original music. We encourage people to check them out online, download their music and then come hear them perform live in the Amos Performance Studio.

“With FREE admission, it’s a great deal for music fans, and it’s fun to be part of the live studio audience while we tape the shows.”

StudioAmped airs on WSRE Thursdays at 9 p.m. followed at 10 by the award-winning PBS staple *Austin City Limits*, the longest-running music program on television. Encore presentations of *StudioAmped* air Wednesday nights at 10, and past episodes can be viewed online at wsre.org/studioamped.

- Mary Riker

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Calling All Vocalists...

The Northwest Florida State College *Schola Cantorum* vocal ensemble has begun fall rehearsals, and anyone interested in singing in this limited membership group may contact director **John Leatherwood** to arrange an audition at 850-830-2062.

This is the 16th season for the choral group, which will present a series of seasonal concerts in area churches in December. The group meets on Mondays at 6 p.m. in

the music wing (Building 110) of the Mattie Kelly Arts Center on the college's Niceville campus.

Schola Cantorum literally translates as “school of singing.” The group is directed by adjunct professor Leatherwood, who is also Conductor Emeritus of the Northwest Florida Symphony Orchestra and has served as a music faculty member for more than 40 years at NWF State College.

- Sylvia Bryan

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Alvin Youngblood Hart's Muscle Theory

The Hub, 30A



Photo by Nikki Hedrick.

Last month, we had a blues artist in our midst that you've probably heard and seen before yet didn't realize it.

Alvin Youngblood Hart's Muscle Theory closed out the Hub's "Backyard Bourbon, BBQ & Blues" event. And the music was true soul food.

I arrived a bit early to ensure a good seat and was treated to the final couple songs of Donnie Sundal's set. He was playing entirely solo, although you'd never know it if you shut your eyes and just enjoyed the fullness of the music he was dishing out.

Amidst a sea of happy kids running with glow sticks and music fans waiting for Hart and his band to take the stage, we knew we were lucky to enjoy the nearly two full hours of blues and country tunes ready to hit to our ears.

Hart has been featured in Martin Scorsese's film series *The Blues*, appeared in Denzel Washington's film *The Great Debaters*, and taught Samuel L. Jackson guitar for the movie *Black Snake Moan*—Hart was on the soundtrack as well. He's won awards, been lauded by legends and has played to captivated audiences in our own backyard.

Hart and his band are all about southern music in all of its flavors. Foot-stomping, high-energy blues tunes are followed by country ballads—all electrified and an honor to be present for.

- Nikki Hedrick

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Blink-182

California

BMG

What's their age again? Probably 40-something, seeing as it's been almost 20 years since they sang about the angst of being 23 in the now classic "What's My Age Again?" But this hasn't stopped Blink 182 from staying true to their mainstream punk sound. Standouts—besides the chart topping "Bored to Death"—include "Rabbit Hole," "No Future," "Sober" and "Built This Pool," a fun 16-second ditty. Though guitarist Tom DeLonge has departed, Travis Barker remains and does an amazing job of pounding the drums throughout. The exception is the surprisingly tender "Home Is Such a Lonely Place," a gorgeous ballad complete with acoustic chord-changing fingertip squeaks. Despite the mildly disappointing title track, *California* is Blink-182's best album this side of the millennium.

- Joni Williams

Will Calhoun

Celebrating Elvin Jones

Motema

Rock drummers apparently get the best training for jazz, and graduating from Berklee College of Music can't hurt either. Calhoun is a stranger to no genre, and has sat in with a diamond-studded list of performers ranging from Herb Alpert to Public Enemy, as well as anchoring his own band Living Colour. Here Calhoun lays a wreath at the shrine of avant garde/free jazz drummer Jones. Among the artists joining Calhoun are Christian McBride, Antoine Roney (Wallace's sax-playing brother) and Mahavishnu Orchestra's own Jan Hammer. The eight tracks range from the introverted to Avant Garde Big Band.

- Bruce Collier

The Fabulous Thunderbirds

Strong Like That

Severn Records

The Thunderbirds' latest delivers on the title's promise. The opening track is a bluesy lamentation cover of "I Know I'm Losing You," Rare Earth's lengthy funk-theatrical masterpiece, with harmonica substituting for Lon Chaney's organ. If harmonica solos and plenty of walking bass is your thing, then shop no further. On top of that there are whispers of B.B. King, Motown, and gospel choirs gone funky. The 30-year-old band boasts a lot of exes, but on this album it's a quintet led by Kim Wilson. Anson Funderburgh, Roosevelt Collier and Wes Watkins guest on several tracks.

- Bruce Collier



My Brother: The Ocean

I Used to Be So Sure

Creek Mud Records

Panama City has seen many hardcore bands come and go, but My Brother: The Ocean has kept a steady tide. With vocals that capture the aggression of metal and the vibrance of punk, they don't shy from sophisticated musical choices that run counter to what hardcore is know for. The album leaves the listener convinced that this ever-evolving band is something mighty special.

- Nikki Hedrick

Puscifer

Money Shot

Puscifer Entertainment

It's no secret Maynard James Keenan fans have an almost disciple-like loyalty—they may buy his latest work solely out of allegiance to his other bands, Tool and A Perfect Circle. But they shouldn't. They should buy it because it's good—really, really good. Though it may not be the ear crack that is 2011's *Conditions of My Parole*, *Money Shot* delivers plenty of hooks with "The Remedy," "The Arsonist" and "Agostina," a love song to his baby girl that effectively captures a dad's awestruck *amore* without sounding sappy. Likewise, the ethereal sound of "Grand Canyon" gives an instant sense of wide-open space while staying true to the signature sound MJK is renowned for.

- Joni Williams

Real Eyes

Undiscovered

Independent

Pensacola band aims for a classic rock vibe and achieves it admirably. Real Eyes dishes out polished tunes from talented players—they're a joy to spin. Hopefully the band won't stay undiscovered for long and book some gigs in Beachcomberland.

- Nikki Hedrick



Austin Duo Hits FoWal on Fall Tour



Photo by Brenda Ladd.

These Fine Moments are Hilary Kaufmann and Robert Watts, an Austin, Texas-based duo with an evocative blend of '60s and '70s pop-rock (think Fleetwood Mac, Hollies, Beatles) and American indie pop (Jayhawks, Decemberists, Shovels & Rope).

Their songs convey rich imagery and weave intriguing stories and situations of joy and pain, love and loss, and wanting and wanting not—all delivered with strong vocals in parallel harmonies.

TFM's fourth album, *Patience*, has reached the ears of listeners from Berkley, California to New Orleans to London. The latest release has been featured on numerous podcasts nationwide, and the title cut appeared on *Texas Music* magazine's 2015 summer compilation.

Kaufmann and Watts perform at Fort Walton Beach's Beachcomber Music Award winning venue **The Green Door** Friday, **Sept. 9**, after which they'll head down to Islamadora, Tampa and Orlando. Discover more at **thesefinemoments.com**.

Live Music Calendar

Musicians and venues: Email chris@beachcomberdestin.com to have your gigs listed here.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 8

CAPT. DAVE'S ON THE GULF, Miramar Beach, 850-837-2627

BRANDON DAY, 5-9 p.m.

THE DOWN UNDER BAR AT FUDPUCKER'S, Destin, www.fudpucker.com

Karaoke with TIM & RUSTY, 9 p.m.-2 a.m.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Village of Baytowne Wharf, www.graffitifbs.com

POST PLUTO

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, www.lulubuffett.com/destin

ADAM HOLT, 5 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008

RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, www.RuthChrisDestin.com

MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.

SALTWATER GRILL, Panama City Beach, www.saltwatergrillpcb.com

MICHAEL RORAH

30A SONGWRITER RADIO MUSIC & COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach

SOMETHING FISHY, 7-9 p.m.

30AVENUE, Inlet Beach

CADILLAC WILLY, 6-9 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 9

BRIC A BRAC, Destin

JONES & COMPANY

CAPT. DAVE'S ON THE GULF, Miramar Beach, 850-837-2627

DIKI ROSS, 5-9 p.m.

FOKKER'S PUB, Fort Walton Beach, 850-244-6666

JORDAN BALLANTYNE, 6-10 p.m.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Village of Baytowne Wharf, www.graffitifbs.com

MANYFEST

HARRY T'S LIGHTHOUSE, HarborWalk Village

FLASH FLOOD, 8 p.m.-Midnight

HOG'S BREATH, Destin, www.hogsbreath.com/destin

JIM COUCH, 6-10 p.m.

SUPERFACED, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, www.lulubuffett.com/destin

WILL & LINDA PLEASANTS, 5 p.m.

POMPANO JOE'S, Miramar Beach

DIKI ROSS, 2-5 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008

RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, www.RuthChrisDestin.com

MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.

SALTWATER GRILL, Panama City Beach, www.saltwatergrillpcb.com

MICHAEL RORAH

SATURDAY, SEPT. 10

CAPT. DAVE'S ON THE GULF, Miramar Beach, 850-837-2627

DIKI ROSS, 5-9 p.m.

FISHHEADS, HarborWalk Village

COASTAL GROOVE, 7 p.m.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Village of Baytowne Wharf, www.graffitifbs.com

DIKI DU & THE ZYDECO KREWE

HARRY T'S LIGHTHOUSE, HarborWalk Village

FLASH FLOOD, 8 p.m.-Midnight

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, www.lulubuffett.com/destin

CADILLAC ATTACK, 5 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008

RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, www.RuthChrisDestin.com

MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.

SALTWATER GRILL, Panama City Beach, www.saltwatergrillpcb.com

MICHAEL RORAH

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island

DIKI ROSS, 1-5 p.m.

THE VILLAGE OF BAYTOWNE WHARF, Sandestin, www.baytownewharf.com

CHRIS ALVARADO, 5-7 p.m.

(Baytowne LIVE)
THE GOOD LOOKINGS, 7-9 p.m. (Events Plaza Stage)
September Saturdays

SUNDAY, SEPT. 11

AJ'S, Destin

JONES & COMPANY, 4-8 p.m.

CAPT. DAVE'S ON THE GULF, Miramar Beach, 850-837-2627

DIKI ROSS, 5-9 p.m.

HARRY T'S LIGHTHOUSE, HarborWalk Village

Karaoke, 8 p.m.-Midnight

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, www.lulubuffett.com/destin

JIMMY LUMPKIN, 5 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008

DREAD CLAMPITT, Noon-3 p.m. and 7-10 p.m.

STINKY'S FISH CAMP, Santa Rosa Beach

THE STEENOS with FRANKO "WASHBOARD" JACKSON, 11 a.m.

MONDAY, SEPT. 12

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, www.lulubuffett.com/destin

JIMMY LUMPKIN, 5 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008

DREAD CLAMPITT, 7-10 p.m.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 13

THE BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin

BT TURNER, 6 p.m.

HOG'S BREATH, Destin, www.hogsbreath.com/destin

BRANDON DAY, 6-10 p.m.

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THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008

RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, www.RuthChrisDestin.com

MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.

SALTWATER GRILL, Panama City Beach, www.saltwatergrillpcb.com

MICHAEL RORAH

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 14

FOKKER'S PUB, Fort Walton Beach, 850-244-6666

PARADISE BAYOU, 6-10 p.m.

HOG'S BREATH, Destin, www.hogsbreath.com/destin

AUSTIN JENNINGS, 6-10 p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, www.lulubuffett.com/destin

TBA, 5 p.m.

POMPANO JOE'S, Miramar Beach

DIKI ROSS, 2-5 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008

RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, www.RuthChrisDestin.com

MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.

JONES & COMPANY (Courtyard), 6-9 p.m.

SALTWATER GRILL, Panama City Beach, www.saltwatergrillpcb.com

MICHAEL RORAH

THE VILLAGE OF BAYTOWNE WHARF, Sandestin, www.baytownewharf.com

BISCUIT MILLER, 7-9 p.m.

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Sept 9th: Tacky Tourist Party w/DJ Sudario
Sept 10th: Ladies Night w/ DJ Serpent
Sept 13th: Service Industry Night 7pm til..
Sept 14th: Music Bingo 7pm til..
Sept 15th: Karaoke with Tim & Rusty 7pm til..
Sept 16th: Bella Nova 10pm til 2am
Sept 17th: Ladies Night w/ DJ Serpent
Sept 20th: Service Industry Night 7pm til..

\$5 Anything 9pm - close

Live Music Calendar

CAPT. DAVE'S ON THE GULF, Miramar Beach, 850-837-2627
BRANDON DAY, 5-9 p.m.

THE DOWN UNDER BAR AT FUDPUCKER'S, Destin, www.fudpucker.com
Karaoke with TIM & RUSTY, 9 p.m.-2 a.m.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Village of Baytowne Wharf, www.graffitifbs.com
POST PLUTO

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, www.lulubuffett.com/destin
LEFTY COLLINS, 5 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, www.RuthChrisDestin.com
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.

SALTWATER GRILL, Panama City Beach, www.saltwatergrillpcb.com
MICHAEL RORAH

30A SONGWRITER RADIO MUSIC & COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach
BO ADAMS, 7-9 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 16
BRIC A BRAC, Destin
JONES & COMPANY

CAPT. DAVE'S ON THE GULF, Miramar Beach, 850-837-2627
DIKI ROSS, 5-9 p.m.

FOKKER'S PUB, Fort Walton Beach, 850-244-6666
JORDAN BALLANTYNE, 6-10 p.m.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Village of Baytowne Wharf, www.graffitifbs.com
DIZZY DUKE BAND

HARRY T'S LIGHTHOUSE, HarborWalk Village
FLASH FLOOD, 8 p.m.-Midnight

HOG'S BREATH, Destin, www.hogsbreath.com/destin
JIM COUCH, 6-10 p.m.
MODERATE CHOP, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, www.lulubuffett.com/destin
GRITS N PIECES, 5 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, www.RuthChrisDestin.com
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.

SALTWATER GRILL, Panama City Beach, www.saltwatergrillpcb.com
MICHAEL RORAH

SATURDAY, SEPT. 17
CAPT. DAVE'S ON THE GULF, Miramar Beach, 850-837-2627
DIKI ROSS, 5-9 p.m.

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HARRY T'S LIGHTHOUSE, HarborWalk Village
FLASH FLOOD, 8 p.m.-Midnight

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, www.lulubuffett.com/destin
COCONUT RADIO, 5 p.m.

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THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, www.RuthChrisDestin.com
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.

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September Saturdays

SUNDAY, SEPT. 18
AJ'S, Destin
JONES & COMPANY, 4-8 p.m.

CAPT. DAVE'S ON THE GULF, Miramar Beach, 850-837-2627
DIKI ROSS, 5-9 p.m.

HARRY T'S LIGHTHOUSE, HarborWalk Village
Karaoke, 8 p.m.-Midnight

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, www.lulubuffett.com/destin
TBA, 5 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
DREAD CLAMPITT, Noon-3 p.m. and 7-10 p.m.

STINKY'S FISH CAMP, Santa Rosa Beach
THE STEENOS with FRANKO "WASHBOARD" JACKSON, 11 a.m.

MONDAY, SEPT. 19
LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, www.lulubuffett.com/destin
JUSTIN YAWN, 5 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
DREAD CLAMPITT, 7-10 p.m.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 20
THE BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin
BT TURNER, 6 p.m.

HOG'S BREATH, Destin, www.hogsbreath.com/destin
BRANDON DAY, 6-10 p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, www.lulubuffett.com/destin
TBA, 5 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, www.RuthChrisDestin.com
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.

SALTWATER GRILL, Panama City Beach, www.saltwatergrillpcb.com
MICHAEL RORAH

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 21
FOKKER'S PUB, Fort Walton Beach, 850-244-6666
PARADISE BAYOU, 6-10 p.m.

HOG'S BREATH, Destin, www.hogsbreath.com/destin
AUSTIN JENNINGS, 6-10 p.m.


LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, www.lulubuffett.com/destin
HOWLIN' JACK, 5 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, www.RuthChrisDestin.com
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.
JONES & COMPANY, 6-9 p.m. (Courtyard)

SALTWATER GRILL, Panama City Beach, www.saltwatergrillpcb.com
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Billy Ray Cyrus, *Thin Line*
Elise Davis, *The Token*
Ronnie Earl and the Broadcasters, *Maxwell Street*
The Head and the Heart, *Signs of Light*
Daniel Lanois, *Goodbye to Language*
NRBQ, *Discover NRBQ: 50 Years*. 5-CD retrospective.
Okkervil River, *Away*
Joshua Redman & Brad Mehldau, *Nearness*
St. Paul and the Broken Bones, *Sea of Noise*
Teenage Fanclub, *Here*
The Time Jumpers, *Kid Sister*. Vince Gill, et.al.
Wilco, *Schmilco* (Also on Vinyl)
Chely Wright, *I Am the Rain*

SEPT. 16

After 7, *Timeless*
Against Me!, *Shape Shift with Me* (Also on Vinyl)
Devon Allman, *Ride or Die*
George Carlin, *I Kinda Like It When a Lotta People Die* (Also on Vinyl)
Dawes, *We're All Gonna Die*
Robert Glasper Experiment, *ArtScience*
Ian Hunter & the Rant Band, *Fingers Crossed* (Also on Vinyl)
Meat Loaf, *Braver Than We Are*
Willie Nelson, *For the Good Times: A Tribute to Ray Price*
Phil Rudd, *Head Job*. The former AC/DC drummer.
Bobby Rush, *Porcupine Meat*
Amanda Shires, *My Piece of Land*
Taking Back Sunday, *Tidal Wave*
Toto, *Live at Montreux 1991* (DVD, Blu-ray)
Usher, *Hard II Love*
Jimmy Webb, *Yours for the Taking*
Kid Soul

Source: pauseandplay.com, allmusic.com

Home at Last – EC Theatre Kicks Off 2016-17 Season at Grand Boulevard



Emerald Coast Theatre Company founders Anna and Nathanael Fisher with Grand Boulevard's Stacey Brady.

As it launches its fourth season this fall, **Emerald Coast Theatre Company** (ECTC) will be moving into the upper level of 560 Grand Boulevard which offers ample performance space and frontage on Highway 98, as well as an enviable “address.” This new location will provide ECTC with an official space that will be utilized for professional productions, educational programming and improv shows.

“This partnership with Grand Boulevard is huge for Emerald Coast Theatre Company,” says Producing Artistic Director **Nathanael Fisher**. “One of our goals is to help this area become a cultural destination, and this partnership is an exponential step in that direction.”

During the 2016-17 season, ECTC will present a variety of professional programs the Emerald Coast is sure to love. This October and November, Nick Payne’s romantic journey *Constellations*—recently performed on Broadway by Jake Gyllenhaal and Ruth Wilson—will keep your wheels turning as this two-character drama questions the boundaries of our world. *Constellations* will run Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m., with Sunday matinees at 2, **Oct. 21-Nov. 6**.

The holiday season will welcome a haunting story as told by Charles Dickens himself through the voices of four storytellers. This year’s adaptation of *A Christmas Carol*—titled *A Dickens Christmas*—will be revised with a new twist that highlights the ghostly aspects of the story. Scrooge will be

chilled by those infamous apparitions as audiences are warmed by the classic tale. Performances are scheduled **Dec. 9-24** on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m., with Sunday matinees at 2.

January 2017 aims to please with *Bakersfield Mist*, a hilarious, true events-inspired comedy-drama that follows unemployed bartender Maude and art expert Lionel Percy as they begin to question the true definition of art and the authenticity of people. *Bakersfield Mist* runs **Jan. 27** through **Feb. 19** with evening performances Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays at 7:30 and Sunday matinees at 2.

ECTC is also proud to announce that its preliminary roster of 2016-17 sponsors include Grand Boulevard, St. Joe Foundations, Cultural Arts Alliance of Walton County and Culture Build Florida (the Florida Division of Cultural Affairs). Those interested in becoming sponsors should contact Nathanael Fisher at 850-684-0323.

Being a nonprofit, Emerald Coast Theatre Company appreciates the support of those in the community and is currently looking for the donation of 100 cushioned chairs, a cargo van, and volunteers to help move in and set up the new location.

To find out more about the professional season, purchase tickets, volunteer, or learn about ECTC’s educational programming, please visit **EmeraldCoastTheatre.org** or call 850-684-0323.

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10 Festivals That'll Make You Glad Fall Is Here

By Joni Williams

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Where: The Landing, Fort Walton Beach.

Admission: FREE!

What It Is: Live music, Props Brewery beer, *mucho* smoky food and competitions. Sponsored by Okaloosa Gas and presented by the Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce.

Cool Factor: The Beer Olympics. For a fee, attendees can become drinking spectators. That's spectator, not spectacle, Ryan Lochte.

BARBERSHOP HARMONY FESTIVAL

When: Sept. 24, 7 to 9 p.m.

Where: 2401 N. Partin Drive, Niceville.

Admission: \$10.

What It Is: Performers from Mobile to Tallahassee converge on the Boggy Bayou to showcase their talent. Hosted by the Emerald Coast Chorus of Fort Walton Beach.

Cool Factor: What would you think if they sang out of tune? Lend them your ears as they try not to sing out of key, and... well, at least you'll finally have the answer to the Beatles' eternal question.

BLOODY MARY FESTIVAL

themarketshops.com

When: Oct. 1, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Where: The Market Shops, Miramar Beach.

Admission: \$35 in advance, \$50 day of.

What It Is: A Bloody Mary tasting and competition benefiting Sinfonia Gulf Coast aims to find "the best Bloody Mary in South Walton." The event also offers a mimosa bar and Grayton Beer.

Cool Factor: This isn't just idle midday partying, it's research. After all, somebody's got to test all those different Bloody Mary recipes. It might as well be you

DESTIN SEAFOOD FESTIVAL

destinseafoodfestival.com



When: Sept. 30 (4-10 p.m.), Oct. 1 (10 a.m.-10 p.m.) and Oct. 2 (11 a.m.-4 p.m.).

Where: The Destin Harbor Boardwalk, HarborWalk Village.

Admission: FREE, but will accept donations.

What It Is: Music, shopping, activities, beer and—

of course—plenty of seafood, set on the gorgeous Destin Harbor.

Cool Factor: Even after 38 years, the heart of the festival, like Destin itself, is all about seafood and the good folks who haul it in from the Gulf. And that's a very cool thing indeed.

EMERALD COAST CON

emeraldcon.com

When: Oct. 8 (10 a.m.-9 p.m.) and 9 (10 a.m.-6 p.m.).

Where: Emerald Coast Convention Center, Okaloosa Island.

What It Is: Tournaments, exhibits and live music for lovers of gaming, anime, science fiction and pop culture.

Cool Factor: Promising some 25 games, EmCon's "retro console" will unleash your inner child—the same one that used a TV instead of the Internet to play Nintendo, Playstation and Xbox. Hello, Happy Place!

CHAUTAUQUA WINERY'S HARVEST FESTIVAL

chatauquawineryfestivals.com

When: Oct. 15, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Where: Chautauqua Vineyard & Winery, DeFuniak Springs.

Admission: FREE!

What It Is: Wine tasting for grown-ups and fun things to do for the kiddos.

Cool Factor: With free wine samples, how can you not have a grape time?

BAYTOWNE WHARF BEER FEST

baytownewharfbeerfestival.com

When: Oct. 14 and 15.

Where: The Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin.

Admission: \$30 in advance, \$35 day of.

What It Is: Live music,



food and about 200 different brews, all yours for the sampling.

Cool Factor: And you thought 99 beers on the wall was a lot?

BOGGY BAYOU MULLET FESTIVAL

mulletfestival.com

When: Oct. 21, 22 and 23.

Where: Mullet Festival Grounds, Niceville.

Admission: To be announced, but typically \$10-15 per day.

What it is: Live music, carnival rides, food, crafts and a beer booth. This year's line-up includes Chase Bryant, Justin Moore and Joe Diffie.

Cool Factor: Thought the mullet was only a bad haircut? You'll be pleased to know it's also a locally caught fish, served fried or smoked.

FANDOM CON

fandomcon.com

When: Nov. 11, 12 and 13.

Where: Emerald Coast Convention Center, Okaloosa Island.

Admission: \$10-20 per day, \$30 for the weekend. Group discounts available.

What It Is: Anime convention run "by the fans, for the fans." Plus cosplay, exhibitions, handcrafted items, trivia contests, standup comedy, music and fan-run panels.

Cool Factor: Cosplay, 'cos for some of us, Halloween just doesn't come around often enough.

BLUE ANGELS 70TH ANNIVERSARY HOMECOMING AIR SHOW

naspensacolaairshow.com

When: Nov. 11 and 12.

Where: Naval Air Station (NAS), Pensacola.

Admission: FREE!

What It Is: Seriously, you have to ask? It's the world-renowned Blue Angels, for crying out loud.

Cool Factor: Look up to the heavens in the days preceding the official show and chances are you'll see those daring young men in their flying machines, practicing stunts, formations and maneuvers.



Beachcomberland Events

All information is subject to change. Please refer to the contact numbers and/or emails/Web sites for up-to-the-minute details. Send us your Sept. 22-Oct. 5 events by noon Friday, **Sept. 16**, or they will not be in our next issue. Email chris@beachcomberdestin.com.

FRIDAY, 9.9.16

"Sparky 'n Jaws" FREE Lunchtime Lecture at Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida, Valparaiso, noon. Bring a sandwich and listen to Okaloosa County Tax Collector **Ben Anderson** talk about his experiences on the set of the film *Jaws 2* (1979). Space is limited—call 850-678-2615 or email info@heritage-museum.org to reserve your spot.

SATURDAY, 9.10.16

College Football Saturdays at HarborWalk Village, Destin, starting at 11 a.m. Great food and drink specials at **Crab Island Cantina** and other HarborWalk hangouts. This week's matchups include WKU at Alabama (2:30 p.m.), Kentucky at Florida (2:30), and Jacksonville State University at LSU (6:30). HarborWalkDestin.com.

September Saturdays at the Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin, 5-9 p.m. Watch your favorite football teams and enjoy live music on the Events Plaza and Baytowne LIVE stages. Wear your school colors and enjoy special discounts from featured merchants. baytownewharf.com.

SUNDAY, 9.11.16

City of Fort Walton Beach 9/11 Memorial Event at FWB Fire Department Station #6, 5 Hollywood Blvd. NE, 2 p.m. Call 850-833-9565 to learn more.

MONDAY, 9.12.16

Self Defense Classes at Fort Walton Beach Recreation Center, 6-8 p.m. For ages 18 and up. Learn how to defend against assailants with blunt objects, edged weapons and handguns. FREE for Rec Center members, five bucks per class for everyone else. Call Wendy at 850-833-9582 for more info.

Tai Chi Classes with Barbara Rezmer at Destin Library, 9-10 a.m. Cost is five bucks. Enrollment limited to 12 participants on a first-come basis. Call 850-837-8572. More info at taichiforarthritis.com.

TUESDAY, 9.13.16

FREE Family History Workshop at Destin Library, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Who's in your family tree? If you have a valid Okaloosa County Public Library card, you can find out. Registration limited to 18 participants. Call 850-837-8572. Additional workshops are scheduled for **Oct. 18** and **Nov. 15**.

Sonia Manzano at WSRE's Jean & Paul Amos Performance Studio, Pensacola, 7 p.m. Manzano, best known as Maria from *Sesame Street*, will speak about educational children's television and more. The program is FREE and sponsored in part by Gulf Power. Reservations are required—visit wsre.org/speakers.



Photo by Richard Termine.

THURSDAY, 9.15.16

Big Green Egg Cooking Class with Grill Master Wayne Paul at Whole Foods, Destin, 5-7 p.m. In preparation for Bay Breeze Patio's Eggs on the Beach competition Sept. 24. FREE to attend. More info at EggsOnTheBeach.com.



Congrats to our very own PR goddesses Laura Holloway, Kay Phelan and Tracy Louthain, who were honored last month in Palm Harbor by the Florida Public Relations Association.

Photo submitted by Sarah Brazwell.

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FRIDAY, 9.16.16

Fort Walton Beach Library Foodies Club meets at a local fusion restaurant at noon. Anyone interested in reserving a spot should phone Katie at 850-833-9590.

SATURDAY, 9.17.16

"Biker's Blast from the Past" Poker Run and Party at Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida, Valparaiso, and Club LA in Destin. Event-day registration starts at 9 a.m. at the museum. Poker run registration is \$10 per poker hand. More info at heritage-museum.org.

College Football Saturdays at HarborWalk Village, Destin, starting at 11 a.m. Great food and drink specials at **Charlie's Burger Bar** and other HarborWalk hangouts. This week's matchups include Florida State at Louisville

(11 a.m.), Alabama at Ole Miss (2:30 p.m.), Mississippi State at LSU (6 p.m.) and Texas A&M at Auburn (6 p.m.). HarborWalkDestin.com.

Fifth Annual Crab Island Cantina Fest at Crab Island Cantina Complex, HarborWalk Village, 11 a.m.-2 a.m. Face painting from 2 to 6 p.m., piñata breaking from 4 to 6, and "Lick 'Em, Shoot 'Em, Bite 'Em and Eat 'Em" contest at 6:30. Plus live music, food and drink specials, raffles and giveaways. **CrabIslandCantina.com**.

Kitty Hawk Kites "Flying High" Kite Festival at HarborWalk Village, Destin, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Larger than life show kites, professional stunt kite-flying demos, FREE kite flying lessons and more. HarborWalkDestin.com.



From the August community event celebrating the partnership between the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy and the Walton County School District—foundation president and CEO Liza McFadden, bestselling author Jill Conner Browne, St. Joe Community Foundation's Janet Greeno, Superintendent Carlene Anderson, and Myra Williams of Howard Group. The St. Joe Community Foundation provided a \$20,000 grant.

Photo by Modus Photography.

Beachside Worship Services

CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION EPISCOPAL CHURCH UECNA 1928 Book of Common Prayer Service, 10 a.m. Sundays, communion service 2nd and 4th Sundays, morning prayer, 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays. 66 8th Street, Shalimar, 850-651-9800.

DESTIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AND LIFE CENTER Contemporary service, 9 a.m. Traditional and youth services at 11 a.m. Weekend beachside services begin at 7:30 a.m. at Henderson Beach State Park Memorial Day weekend. 200 Beach Drive, Destin. 850-837-2021.

FAITH ASSEMBLY CHRISTIAN CHURCH Sunday worship services: 8:45 and 11 a.m. Nursery and children's church is available. Wednesday bible study at 7 p.m. Located at 306 S. Geronimo St. in Miramar Beach, three blocks west of Silver Sands Outlet Mall. 850-837-7561.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF DESTIN Sunday bible study at 9:15 a.m., worship service at 10:30 a.m., prayer group at 5 p.m. Wednesday supper at 6 p.m., followed by youth-kids programs and bible study at 6:30. 201 Beach Drive, 850-837-6515.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SEAGROVE Sunday services at 10 a.m. and Wednesdays at 6 p.m. 4915 E Hwy. 30A, Seagrove, 850-231-2884.

GOOD NEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Sunday services 8:50 a.m., traditional worship 9:45 a.m. Sunday school, 11 a.m., contemporary worship, 4747 Hwy 98W, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-622-9191.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH Sundays 8 a.m. worship, 9:15 bible study, 10:30 worship, 4325 Commons Drive, 850-654-1679.

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH Beach worship at 8 a.m. at Ed Walline Park, intersection of Scenic Highway 30A and CR-393, Santa Rosa Beach. Vintage service at 10:15 a.m. at 3834 U.S. 98 West. For more info, call Pastor Jason

Scheler at 850-267-0322 or email pastorj@hopeonthebeach.org.

RESURRECTION CATHOLIC CHURCH Saturday vigil mass, 5 p.m.; Sunday masses, 8 and 10:30 a.m.; Daily liturgies, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.; Holy Days of Obligation, 8:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Fridays, 9-10 a.m.; Confessions, Saturdays, 4-4:45 p.m. or by appointment. 259 Miramar Beach Dr., Destin, 850-837-0358.

SAFE HARBOR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Sunday school at 9:30 a.m., worship service at 10:30. 801 Airport Road, Destin, 850-837-2133.

SAINT RITA CATHOLIC CHURCH Saturday Vigil mass at 5:30 p.m. year round. Sunday services at 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Holy Day services, call the office please. 137 Moll Drive, Santa Rosa Beach, just off U.S. 98. 850-267-2558. www.sainttritarparish.org.

SANTA ROSA COMMUNITY CHURCH Interdenominational service 10 a.m. Sundays. 3524 Hwy. 98W, 850-267-7599.

SHORELINE CHURCH Non-denominational modern Sunday service at 9 and 10:30 a.m. at AMC Motion Pictures in Destin Commons, and Sundays at 9 and 10:30 a.m. at Uptown Station Campus, Fort Walton Beach. 850-650-8658 or www.shorelinechurch.net.

ST. ANDREWS EPISCOPAL CHURCH Service at 10 a.m. Sundays. 307 Hwy. 98E, Destin, 850-650-2737

ST. MARKELLA & DEMETRIOS GREEK ORTHODOX Church Sunday service at 10 a.m. 400 Hwy. 98E, Mary Esther, 850-244-0822.

ST. SIMON'S ON THE SOUND EPISCOPAL CHURCH Sunday services at 8 and 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. 28 Hwy. 98W, FWB, 850-244-8621.

VILLAGE BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday services at 9 and 10:30 a.m. 101 Matthew one block south of Hwy. 98E, Destin, 850-837-8107.

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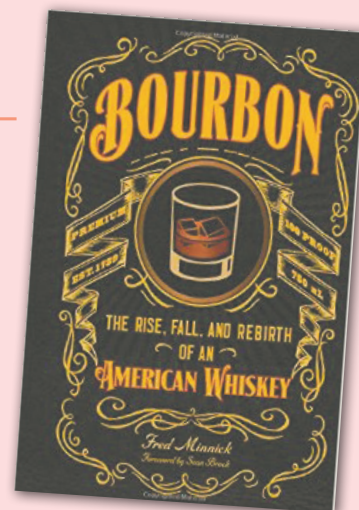
Recommended Reading

Fred Minnick

Bourbon: The Rise, Fall and Rebirth of an American Whiskey

Voyageur Press

Minnick's book is well timed for Bourbon Heritage Month. He starts off by debunking bourbon's most cherished myth—who actually invented the stuff. The book recounts bourbons rise as a cultural and economic force in America, and its struggles for identity and market survival against "white spirits" (i.e., vodka) in the 1970s. Especially interesting are the reproductions of vintage ads and descriptions of desperate attempts to peddle stodgy old sour mash to the Now Generation. Care for a Crow Light? Or a Frost 8-80? The latter was whiskey with the color filtered out, marketed as a "vodka-type mixer." Groovy, Moonchild.



- Bruce Collier

Beachcomberland Events

Mercedes-Benz Club of America Car Show at the Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Events Plaza. FREE to attend. If you wish to display your vehicle, visit baytownewharf.com.

PAWS Dog Paddle at Fudpucker's, Okaloosa Island. Paddleboard contest registration starts at 8 a.m. More at paws-shelter.com.

PAWS National Adoption Event at PetSmart, Destin, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. More at paws-shelter.com.

Sandestin Foundation for Kids Gameday 5K at Baytowne Marina, Sandestin, 9 a.m. The

race includes a 5K for all ages and a one-mile fun run for kids ages 12 and under. More at baytownewharf.com.

September Saturdays at the Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin, 5-9 p.m. Watch your favorite football teams and enjoy live music on the Events Plaza and Baytowne LIVE stages. Wear your school colors and enjoy special discounts from featured merchants. baytownewharf.com.

Sophie the Therapy Dog at Destin Library, 10 a.m.-noon. Sophie is trained by Debbie Linton and certified by Therapy Dog International. Part of the Tail Waggin' Tutors program that enables children to practice their skills by reading aloud to a dog. No preregistration required. Call 850-837-8572 for more info. tdi-dog.org.



Writers in Sandals at Destin Library, 10:30 a.m. The group will discuss ways to enhance settings in writing. Writers of all levels welcome, including—we're happy to report—*Beachcomber* Editor Chris Manson.

SUNDAY, 9.18.16

Kitty Hawk Kites "Flying High" Kite Festival at HarborWalk Village, Destin, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Larger than life show kites, professional stunt kite-flying demos, FREE kite flying lessons and more. HarborWalkDestin.com.

MONDAY, 9.19.16

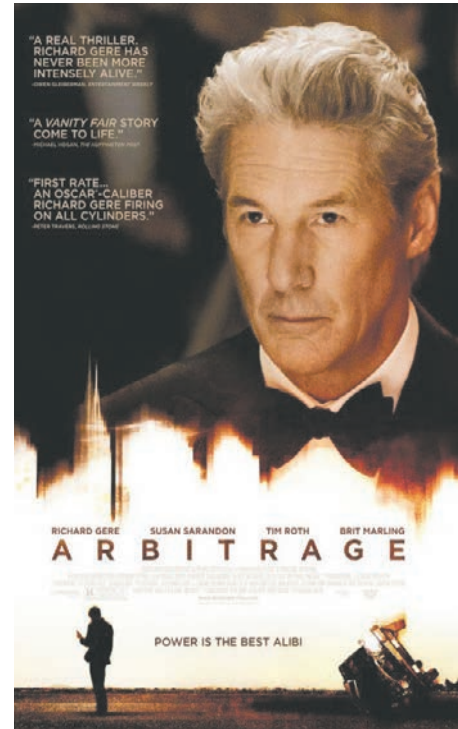
Tai Chi Classes with Barbara Rezmer at Destin Library, 9-10 a.m. Cost is five bucks. Enrollment limited to 12 participants on a first-come basis. Call 850-837-8572. More info at taichiforarthritis.com.

TUESDAY, 9.20.16

Bestselling Author Tim Dorsey at Destin Library, 5:30-7:30 p.m. The man behind the twisted, hilarious Serge Storms novels (the latest is *Coconut Cowboy*) will speak and sign books. FREE, but seating is limited. More at timdorsey.com.



FREE Screening of Nicholas Jarecki's "Arbitrage" at Destin Library, 3 p.m. Richard Gere is excellent as a businessman whose life begins to unravel. The film—presented by the Friends of the Destin Library, Inc.—is intended for mature audiences. Call 850-837-8572 for more info.



FRIDAY, 9.23.16

"The Disciplined Dance of Dressage" at Destin Library, 2 p.m. Local Dressage trainer Jodie Kelly takes you behind the scenes of the highest level of equestrian training. FREE. Presented by the Friends Guild. Email friendsofthedestinlibrary@gmail.com for more info.

Fifth Annual Friends of Fresh Start Gala at Ramada Inn, Okaloosa Island, 6-9 p.m. The Mulligans perform, and attendees will enjoy live and silent auctions, heavy appetizers, cash bar, gourmet cupcakes and a chance to win the "Wagon of Wine." Fresh Start for Children and Families is a nonprofit organization that has housed families in crisis for more than 30 years. Learn more at FreshStartFL.com.

Movies

OPENING SOON IN THEATERS

SEPT. 9

The Disappointments Room. Are they referring to the movie theater showing this film?

Sully. Tom Hanks in the true story of the "Miracle on the Hudson." Directed by Clint Eastwood.

When the Bough Breaks. Morris Chestnut, Regina Hall.

SEPT. 16

The Beatles: Eight Days a Week – The Touring Years. Directed by Ron Howard.

Blair Witch. It's reboot time at the movies. Again...

Bridget Jones's Baby. Renee Zellweger, Colin Firth.

Hillsong – Let Hope Rise. Best theatrical worship experience movie ever.

Snowden. Joseph Gordon-Levitt stars as the whistleblower in what is certain to be an evenhanded account from director Oliver Stone.

UPCOMING DVD BLU-RAY/VOD RELEASES

SEPT. 13

Captain America: Civil War. Chris Evans, Don Cheadle, Anthony Mackie.

The Conjuring 2. Patrick Wilson, Vera Farmiga.

Newhart: The Complete Sixth Season Popstar: Never Stop Never Stopping. Andy Samberg as singer-rapper Conner4Real.

Raising Cain (Collector's Edition) (Blu-ray). John Lithgow; directed by Brian De Palma. Includes director's cut of the film.

SEPT. 20

Fanny (Blu-ray). Leslie Caron, Horst Buchholz, Maurice Chevalier, Charles Boyer.

Free State of Jones. Gugu Mbatha-Raw, Matthew McConaughey.

Neighbors 2: Sorority Rising. Seth Rogen, Rose Byrne, Zac Efron.

Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Out of the Shadows. Laura Linney, Megan Fox.

Under the Sun. Director Vitaly Mansky documents life in North Korea in this universally acclaimed documentary.

Source: www.metacritic.com

Upcoming Book Releases

SEPT. 13

David Baldacci, *The Last Mile* (Amos Decker Series) (Paperback) (Crime Thriller)

Reed Farrel Coleman, *Robert B. Parker's Debt to Pay* (Jesse Stone Series) (Cop Fiction)

Craig Johnson, *An Obvious Fact* (Walt Longmire Series) (Western Cop Fiction)

Mark Manson, *The Subtle Art of Not Giving a F*ck: A Counterintuitive Approach to Living a Good Life* (Paperback) (Self-Help)

Ian McEwan, *Nutshell* (Murder Fiction)

Ann Patchett, *Commonwealth* (Fiction)

Peter Wohlleben, *The Hidden Life of Trees* (Horticulture)

SEPT. 20

Harlan Coben, *Home* (Myron Bolitar Series) (Detective Fiction)

Emma Donoghue, *The Wonder* (Paperback) (Fiction)

Norm Macdonald, *Based on a True Story* (Humor)

Candice Millard, *Hero of the Empire: The Boer War, a Darling Escape, and the Making of Winston Churchill* (British History)

Karin Slaughter, *The Kept Woman* (Will Trent Series) (Crime Thriller)

Regina Thomashauer, *Pussy: A Reclamation* (Self-Improvement)

Cook's Illustrated *All-Time Best Appetizers* (Eats)

Sources: www.barnesandnoble.com, www.netgalley.com

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EDUCATIONAL

EMERALD COAST SCIENCE CENTER A unique museum allowing visitors to touch and use the exhibits, including optical illusions, a nature room and a wind tunnel. 31 SW Memorial Parkway, Fort Walton Beach, 850-664-1261. www.ecscience.org.

FARMERS' MARKETS

30A FARMERS' MARKETS Two convenient locations. Contact Diane at 850-499-4697 for more info.
- **GRAND BOULEVARD FARMERS' MARKET AT SANDESTIN** 600 Grand Boulevard, Miramar Beach. Saturdays year-round, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

- **30A FARMERS' MARKET IN ROSEMARY BEACH COMMUNITY** Sundays year-round, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursdays (Memorial Day through Labor Day), 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

GOLF

REGATTA BAY GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB This award-winning 18-hole course offers an extraordinary golfing experience for players of all skill levels and was named one of *Golf Digest's* Top Places to Play. Equipment rental available. 465 Regatta Bay Blvd., Destin, 337-8080. www.regattabay.com.

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MUSEUMS

DESTIN HISTORY & FISHING MUSEUM Open year round, Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call for holiday hours of operation. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors and military and \$3 for children. 108 Stahlman Avenue, Destin, 837-6611.

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BEASLEY WAYSIDE PARK Picnic tables, public beach area, barbecue grills, bathhouse, and restrooms. Gulf side of Okaloosa Island, Hwy. 98W.

BLACKWATER RIVER STATE PARK NW of FWB off Hwy. 90, You can catch sight of lots of wildlife while camping, canoeing, hiking, and fishing. Milton, 850-983-5363.

BLUE MOUNTAIN BEACH Public parking for this access is located at the south end of CR-83 and Scenic Highway 30-A.

BRACKIN WAYSIDE PARK Gulf side of Okaloosa Island on Hwy. 98W. Facilities include restaurants, saloons, children's playground, beach volleyball, three beach accesses, showers, public restrooms, and picnic table.

CAMP HELEN STATE PARK offers hiking, birding, beachcombing, swimming, fishing, canoeing and kayaking along with nine historic buildings. Located at 23937 Panama City Beach Parkway

(U.S. 98), 12 miles east of 331, seven miles west of Highway 79. 850-233-5059.

CESSNA BAY Picnic tables, parking, rest rooms and boat access. 1476 N. CR-393.

CLEMENT E. TAYLOR CITY PARK This park is named after one of Destin's early settlers and is on Choctawhatchee Bay. Chock full of shade trees, there are picnic areas and restrooms, but no camping. Destin, off Calhoun Drive.

DUNE ALLEN In Dune Allen beach this access has parking, but no bathrooms, showers or picnic area. 5753 Hwy 30-A W., Santa Rosa Beach.

ED WALLINE A large public beach access in South Walton, providing handicapped parking, picnic tables, restrooms and showers. Intersection of Hwy 30-A and CR-393.

EDEN GARDENS STATE PARK An historic homestead under majestic moss draped oaks with a home surrounded by lawns and seasonal gardens. Tours of the home are Thursday through Monday hourly beginning at 10 a.m. with the last tour at 3 p.m. The park and picnic areas are open daily from 8 a.m. to sunset and located on CR-395 north off Hwy 98 in Point Washington. Call 231-4214 for more information.

GRAYTON BEACH STATE RECREATION AREA Camping picnics, hiking, swimming, and saltwater fishing, and boating. Showers and electricity are part of the amenities. Access from S. Hwy. 30-A, South Walton, 850-267-8300.

GRAYTON DUNES Handicapped and public parking plus beach access. Behind the Red Bar in Grayton Beach.

GULF SHORE MANOR Public restrooms, handicapped and public parking. 3468 E. Hwy 30-A, Seagrove Beach.

GULFVIEW HEIGHTS Located at the end of Gulfview Heights St, behind Goatfeather's restaurant, this access offers parking, picnic areas and restrooms.

HENDERSON BEACH STATE PARK This park a.m.st has it all: camping, swimming area sheltered picnic areas, grills, and restrooms. But there is no boat ramp and jet skis and other personal watercraft are prohibited. 17000 Hwy. 98W, Destin, 837-7550.

INLET BEACH This area offers handicapped and public parking, restrooms and dune walkovers to the beach. 438 S. Orange St. in Inlet Beach.

LEGION BAY Picnic tables, public parking, boat ramp and restrooms. Intersection of Ponce de Leon and Crest Dr, 191 Crest Dr, Sandestin.

MARIER MEMORIAL PARK Public beach area, picnic tables, barbecue grills, boat ramp, restrooms and bathhouse. Bay side of Okaloosa Island, off Santa Rosa Blvd.

MIRAMAR BEACH ACCESS Parking with public beach access. Scenic Hwy 98 and Driftwood Rd, adjacent to Pompano Joe's.

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Get Good and Mothered in Fort Walton Beach

I ate at Mother Earth's Cafe on a recent weekday. I was on my own—my wife was at work and the TD is discovering the delights of school lunchroom food. I had not eaten there in a long time, and in my mind they still had their iconic planetary sign. They don't—actually they moved it to the side—which led me to pass the place by several times. The new sign is electric, and that day read:



Guess I got there just in time.

Mother Earth's sits in a small, unpretentious white building, with green trim and mirrored windows. Both restrooms are accessed by outside doors. Inside is warm, cozy and festooned with college pennants and team signs, along with odds and ends of posters, signs and little decorative touches.

They appear to accommodate a wide variety of sports teams, so you shouldn't feel disrespected or overlooked. There are freestanding tables and booths. I got a deuce in the corner, which gave me a good view of the action. I tried to get there early enough to miss the crowd, but things were lively already. There's a relaxed, country/lunchroom atmosphere, and that day the clientele looked 100-percent local, mostly business people, law enforcement and military.

The menu offers breakfast and lunch, with breakfast-only on Saturdays. I was there for lunch. The lunch menu bears an extensive list of meal-size salads; egg, tuna and chicken salads; stuffed tomatoes; light bites (chips and salsa, chips and spicy queso); soups; a vegetable plate; main entrees; and both house and specialty sandwiches.

There are daily specials, written on a board near the door. The specials



that day were pot roast over rice, grilled chicken and spinach salad, and smothered pork chops. My server reminded me that today was my last opportunity for fried green tomatoes (the season was ending, she said).

I wanted something sort of homey, but I'm not a fan of smothered anything, and pot roast sounded good. I got that, with a side of pickled cucumbers and onions, and, yes, fried green tomatoes. I can't say I'm a devoted fan, but when I heard that "last day" advisory I just had to get some.

Choosing your side(s) can take time at Mother Earth's. As I write I am looking at the online menu for this week, and the list of sides includes cottage cheese, creamed corn, pole beans, fried okra, peaches, pot licker, butterbeans, tomato-cucumber-onion, turnips, okra and tomatoes, pan fried cabbage, buttered carrots, field peas and cole slaw. They also offer hand-cut French fries. The sides probably change seasonally.

The fried tomatoes arrived. A whole tomato was thick-sliced and crisp fried in a crunchy, not too salty batter. They were tangy (and rich), and I was glad they did not come with the usual dressing—they tasted great without.

The pot roast, rice, side and a square of cornbread came next, a perfectly meal-sized portion that hit the spot but did not make me feel like I had to plow the North Forty to work it off. The lean, slow-cooked beef was meltingly tender. The fresh onions, carrots and potatoes were rough-chopped, and the gravy was only lightly salted. The

tart pickles and onions were exactly the thing to balance out the richness of the roast. It was a fine home-style lunch, right down to the cornbread.

Other choices are broccoli cheese, vegetable or basil tomato soups; taco salad; Greek salad; balsamic grilled chicken salad; beef or chicken enchiladas; wraps with spinach and turkey, balsamic chicken or chicken Caesar filling; house sandwiches with combinations of ham, turkey, roast beef, or salad; a garden sandwich with house made cheese spread; French dip; Cajun roast beef; muffuletta; club; hamburger; BLT; grilled cheese; and peanut butter with banana or jelly.

Desserts vary. That day they had peanut butter icebox pie, ice cream, banana pudding, fruit cup, and a triple berry tart. I chose the tart. My server graciously buried it under a scoop of vanilla ice cream. It was warm, flaky and loaded with sweet, tangy berries. It's big enough to share.

I ordered my wife a to-go sandwich of chicken salad and avocado, served with sprouts on a wheat roll. I took her word for it that the chicken was fresh (not canned), and she appreciated all the sprouts. It came with chips and a free description of the tart that I didn't share.

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Celeb Judges named for Third Eggs on the Beach Cooking Competition

Bay Breeze Patio has lined up a panel of celebrity judges for the **Third Annual Eggs on the Beach Cooking Competition**, to be held **Sept. 24** at Seascape Resort in Miramar Beach. This year's group of culinary experts includes **Lucy Buffett**, owner of LuLu's in Destin and Gulf Shores, Alabama; **Chef Tim Creehan**, owner of the Cuvee restaurants; **Susan Benton**, editor of 30AEats.com; and **Pat Embree**, KCBS Certified BBQ Judge.

Each cook team will showcase their delicious creations prepared on the Big Green Egg smoker/grill, and the team of honorary judges will score the results in a variety of categories. In addition, the public is invited to taste all the delicious samples and vote for their favorites in the People's Choice category.

"Last year, we added a panel of expert judges, and our cook teams enjoyed having culinary experts judging their creations," says **Wayne Paul**, co-owner of Bay Breeze Patio. "This year, we're excited to partner with local experts with diverse backgrounds to judge the cook teams' culinary presentations."

Creehan will be among this year's honorary judges. As the owner of Cuvee Destin, Cuvee 30A and Destin Ice House 30A, Chef Creehan is an author, teacher, inventor and community steward. He was recognized as Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association's 2015 Restaurateur of the Year and was recently



featured on *Emeril's Florida* on the Cooking Channel. Creehan partnered with Big Green Egg and has since added Big Green Egg grill/smokers at his restaurants. He is now developing a series of new menu items, to be unveiled this fall.

Buffett, known as LuLu and the official "Crazy Sista" of her family, is the little sister of musician Jimmy. Lucy has many talents. One of her most notable gifts is her love of cooking. Buffett has LuLu's locations, three cookbooks and a diverse line of LuLu's and Crazy Sista products to her credit.

Benton is the editor of 30AEats.com and owner of GulfCoastRestaurants.com. 30AEats.com is a food and travel webzine dedicated to sharing Southern Coastal family recipes, while promoting all the Gulf Coast community has to offer. Embree brings the "official" BBQ credentials. She is a KCBS Certified Barbecue Judge and a Florida BBQ Association certified judge. Embree has judged more than 25 cooking competitions around the country and has been selected as one of the judges for the World Food Championships being held in Orange Beach, Alabama this November.

The Eggs on the Beach Cooking Competition will feature more than 30 cook teams, live music by Beachcomber Music Award winner **Chris Alvarado**, cash bar (beer, wine, sodas), People's Choice awards, chances for prizes, a Kids Zone, Sports Zone and more. All proceeds from Eggs on the Beach benefit **Fisher House of the Emerald Coast** and **Food For Thought, Inc.**

For those who dream of owning a Big Green Egg, Demo Eggs—which will be used during the event—are on sale now for discounted prices. Eggs on the Beach Taster tickets are available for \$25 per adult and \$13 for children ages 11-17. Kids 10 and under get in FREE. Tickets purchased the day of the event will be \$35 at the gate. Get your tickets now at **EggsOnTheBeach.com**.

- Tracy Louthain

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AMERICAN

CALLAHAN'S A long-time favorite of Destin locals, Callahan's Restaurant & Deli lives up to its name, offering one of the town's most varied selections of deli sandwiches, salads, and full-on meals, with everything from quiche to barbecue. Steaks and chops are a perennial favorite, along with comforting meals of pot roast, prime rib, seafood platters, and some fancier regular and special items. Lunch and dinner; beer, wine and mixed drinks, \$3-20. 791 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-837-6328/837-7171. www.callahansdestin.com. www.facebook.com/callahansdestin.

CHARLIE'S BURGER BAR Destin's first true burger bar has it all - Burgers, Bourbon and Beer! Charlie's has a selection of 17 different burgers from lamb, Black Angus, wild boar, bison, even Ostrich. If you don't want one of the already built burgers, make your own. Select the bun you would like, than the protein, pick your cheese and your sides. The soon to be famous deep fried pickles are to die for. Or live a little and go for Charlie's Funky Fries topped with different types of cheeses. Happy hour daily from 3-6 p.m. Open at 3 p.m. Mon.-Fri. and 11 a.m. Saturday and Sunday. \$3-32, HarborWalk Village, Destin, inside the Crab Island Cantina Complex, 850-424-7695. www.CharliesBurgerBar.com.

HOOTERS Wings, shrimp, burgers and more. Open 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Sun.-Thu., 11 a.m.-1 a.m. Fri. and Sat. Happy hour Mon.-Fri., 3-6 p.m. and 9 p.m.-close. 15015 Emerald Coast Parkway, Destin, 850-654-1007. hootersonline.com.

ASIAN

LIN'S ASIAN CUISINE Enjoy carefully prepared and artfully served Chinese and Southeast Asian dishes in a pleasant and welcoming a.m.sphere. Chicken, beef, pork, duck, fish and shellfish are cooked to suit most tastes, and Lin's offers your favorites—General Tso's chicken, Mongolian beef, pad thai, lo mein and kung pao, among many others. Beer and wine. \$2-15. 130 Scenic Gulf Dr. #5B, Miramar Beach, 850-424-5888.

BARBEQUE

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TOMMY MATTONIE'S Looking for upscale breakfast options? We offer 13 different Eggs Benedicts and numerous specialty waffles. Trip Advisor honored us with a Certificate of Excellence for 2015. Our list of New Orleans style po-boys for lunch is just as extensive as the Eggs Benedict selections. We serve only local fresh bay shrimp and offer some of the best slow smoked BBQ in FWB. We also serve salads, Floribbean tacos, soups and daily specials. Check Facebook for our daily specials. Open 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. every day except Mondays. Located at 723 Eglin Parkway NE in FWB near the Shalimar Bridge. 850-862-0895. www.tommymattonies.com.

BURGERS

CHARLIE'S BURGER BAR Burgers, bourbon and beer. Pick from 18 burgers or build your own. Over 50 beers and bourbons, funky French fries, milk shakes for all ages. Located at 2 Harbor Blvd. in HarborWalk Village's Crab Island Cantina Complex, Destin, 850-424-7695.

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CONTEMPORARY

BUD & ALLEY'S This Seaside perennial just keeps getting better. Lunch and dinner daily, with a varying menu offering grilled, roasted, and sautéed fish and shellfish, quail, chicken, pork, and plenty of interesting accompaniments. Full bar, \$4-34. 2236 CR30A East, Seaside, 850-231-5900.

LOUIS LOUIS Louis Louis is another dining hit. This "sister" restaurant to the famous Red Bar offers a short but all-star menu of fish, chicken, pork, crab

cakes and pasta entrees, served in fat portions by a friendly staff. Do whatever you have to do, but don't skip dessert. Colorful décor, comfy tables, full bar, \$5-25. 35 Mussett Bayou Rd., Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-1500.

ECLECTIC

CAFÉ THIRTY-A Cafe Thirty-A has been here a while. Finding out why can be a delicious experience. A nightly-changing menu offers steaks, chicken, pork, lamb, and local seafood elegantly prepared with imaginative sauces and sides, courteously served in a beautiful beach-house a.m.sphere. Lobster bisque, stone crab claws, seasonal fish and shellfish, and wood oven-baked pizzas. Full bar. \$8-36. 3899 E. Scenic Highway 30-A, Seagrove Beach, 850-231-2166.

THE RED BAR The place to go—and say you went—in Grayton Beach. The Red Bar offers breakfast, lunch and dinner, with a short but expertly prepared menu of sandwiches, soup and salads for lunch, chicken, local fish, pasta and crab cakes for dinner. The apple dumpling will haunt you, in a good way. Live music, and more local color than you'll know what to do with. Full bar, \$4-21. 70 Hotz Avenue, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008. www.theredbar.com.

VIN'TIJ Wine boutique and bistro. Wonderful food, service and a.m.sphere. Great approach to wine service offering Flight or tasters of unique varietals. Open daily for lunch or dinner plus a well stocked retail wine shop. \$5-19, 10859 Emerald Coast Pkwy, Destin, 650-9820.

Bartender of the Issue



JESICA WEST

La Paz, Destin

"Jessica is the rudest, meanest, scariest employee I've ever had work for me," says La Paz honcho **Chatham Morgan** with a twinkle in his eye. "And great love," he adds.

Jesica was born and raised in Destin. "Chatham and I grew up together," she says. "I've been coming to this restaurant since it opened." When she's not tending bar—her current schedule finds her at La Paz Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays—she like to hunt and fish and "be on the water. Anything outside."

La Paz's award-winning margaritas are the beverage of choice for most folks. "The pineapple jalapeno is my favorite," says Jesica. "(We take) silver tequila, cut-up pineapple and jalapeno and let it sit for a few days so it can infuse. It's delicious. And dangerous!"

- Chris Manson

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GERMAN/ AMERICAN

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HEALTHY DINING

GEORGE'S AT ALYS BEACH Established in 2008, George's has offered regional coastal fare infused with global flavors to the quaint town of Alys Beach. We craft all of our dishes using locally sourced organic produce and the freshest seafood available, and present each with a generous helping of love. Our dishes fall into two categories—Behave and Misbehave. The Behave section features organic, spa-inspired dishes, while the Misbehave side touts traditional beach fare like fried seafood baskets and po-boys. The menu is rounded out with a thoughtfully curated wine list and a selection of decadent desserts. Our charming beach cottage provides the perfect backdrop for a casual dinner with friends and family. Dine indoors in our airy yet cozy dining room, or soak in the beautiful Florida sunshine on our front deck or screened porches. Open 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and 5-9 p.m. 30 Castle Harbour Dr., Panama City Beach, 850-641-0017, georgesatalysbeach.net.

IRISH

JOHNNY MCTIGHE'S Ireland on Scenic 30-A, a unique outpost of food and drink in Santa Rosa Beach. McTighe's opens at 11 a.m. and closes at 2 a.m. the next day. In between, the all-day menu offers an Irish grand slam of a breakfast, fish and chips, wings, pizza, and an array of hearty sandwiches, including Irish reuben, Philly cheese steak, burgers, chicken and hot dogs. There's even Maine lobster bisque. Full bar, \$4 - 21. 2298 Scenic Highway 30-A West, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-0101. www.johnnymctighesirishpub.com.

ITALIAN

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LATIN / MEXICAN

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LA COCINA MEXICAN GRILL & BAR Since 2009, La Cocina has served traditional Tex-Mex fare with a coastal twist in a fun, festive atmosphere. We prepare all of our dishes from scratch using the freshest ingredients available. La Cocina is nestled between Rosemary Beach and Alys Beach in Seacrest Beach. Menu highlights include Tacos de Camerones with grilled shrimp, shredded lettuce, habanero pickled onions and feta cheese; the Pollo Fundido with shredded chicken and sour cream (chimichanga style) topped with cheese; and the Lobster Quesadilla with lobster, crab, shrimp and cheese topped with chipotle aioli and fruit salsa. Saturdays and Sundays, enjoy \$7 specialty cocktails during football season. Open 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and 5-9 p.m. 10343 East CR-30A, Panama City Beach, 850-231-4021, lacocina30a.net.

LA PAZ offers just about anything you'd want from a Mexican-Southwestern kitchen, including tamales, tacos, fajitas, burritos, enchiladas and quesadillas, plus a thoughtfully prepared list of grilled local fish and shellfish and imaginative spins on classics. Daily dinner specials, full bar. \$15-25. 950 Gulf Shore Drive, Destin, 850-837-2247. www.lapazdestin.com.

PEPITO'S MEXICAN GRILL An enormous menu, plenty of room, and a friendly staff make Pepito's a good bet for a Mexican snack or feast. Traditional and unusual fare includes carnitas, enchiladas, fajitas, vegetarian dishes, steaks and seafood specialties. \$4-19. 757 Harbor Blvd, Destin, 650-7734. Additional locations in Bluewater Bay and Fort Walton Beach. www.mypepitos.com.

PIZZA & PASTA

CRUST PIZZERIA We strive to make the very best pizza. We make our own dough and sauce and grate the finest whole milk mozzarella. We make our own meatballs, slice the Italian sweet sausages, chop the fresh vegetables, then assemble your pizza just for you and bake it to perfection in a brick oven. Eat-in, takeout and delivery. Wine and craft beers. Open Mon.-Sat., 11:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sundays, 4-10 p.m. 104 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-460-2990. destincrustpizzeria.com.

CRUST PIZZERIA Pizza, calzones, pasta, salads, desserts and more made fresh. Wine and craft beers. Open 11 a.m.-9 p.m. daily. 433 Page Bacon Rd., Mary Esther, 850-737-2121.

CRUST PIZZERIA Pizza, calzones, pasta, salads, desserts and more made fresh. Wine and craft beers. Open 11 a.m.-9 p.m. daily. 1826 Lewis Turner Blvd., Fort Walton Beach, 850-737-2299.

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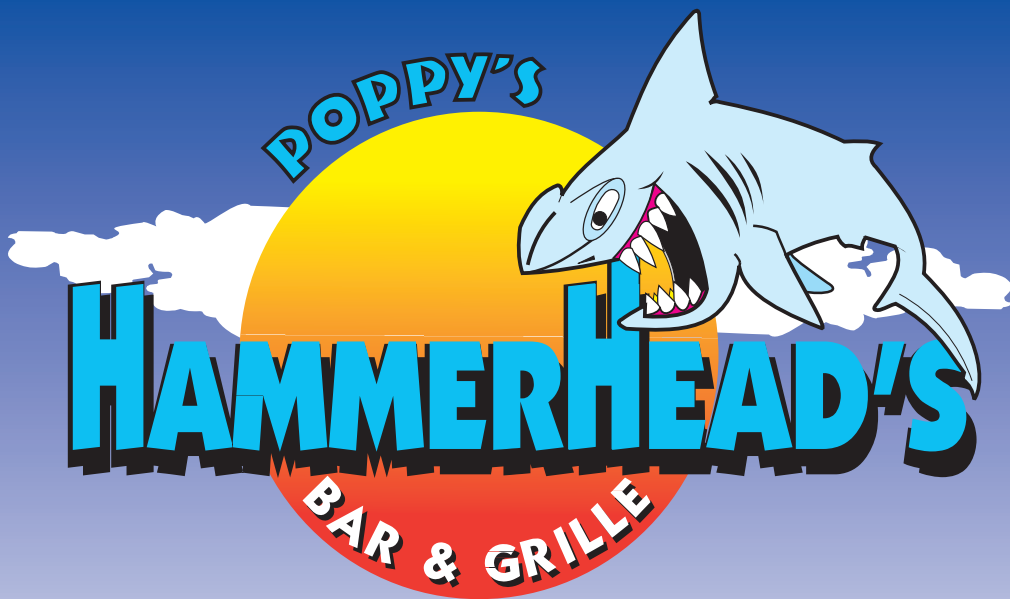
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The Last Word

By Zandra Wolfram

You could say I am in the business of words. I have a company called Wordplay Ink, and my tagline is Choose Your Words Wisely, which got me thinking about words and how we use them. I have been called wordy, but I hope to say just a few words on the topic.

We can really wordsmith the heck of out a word. In fact, we have a special way of leading up to a strong word with *in a word*. That's like putting an exclamation point after it. When we want to talk about something, we don't just say it. We work our way up to a lead-in to a conversation by saying we want to *have a word*. Even most good books, like a decent relationship, just don't jump right in; they begin with a special introduction or a *foreword*.

We favor some words when we hope to share *words of wisdom*, *words of praise* or find just the *right words*. We even elevate all the sentiments in the Bible by calling the entire lot *the good word*.

I have a favorite. I've always liked *effervescent*. It's really a word that is fun to write, fun to say, and, on my better days, expresses my personality. One of my friends likes *onomatopoeia*.

Now, that's a word that means what is says. It's not my favorite, but I do like saying it.

If you are a word nerd like me, you are probably are a fan of Sniglets. If you haven't heard of them, just look up *neologism*. I haven't written an entire anthology, but like author-comedian Rich Hall, I've been known to create a word or two. I'm also a huge fan of hyperbole. And sometimes it's imperative to marry the two to come up with a fresh new word to clearly communicate a point.

For example, one day I just could not get across how *big* something was, so I've given over to *ginormous*. The convenient thing about making up words is you don't have to be pigeonholed into its usage. They're your words. If you feel your word wants to slide from being an adjective to a noun, who's going to be a *(insert creative new word here)* and stop you?

There are all kinds of slang words and those are fun, because with every generation there is inevitably a fresh new batch to feast on. When you are a kid growing up you feel so cool slinging slang from your hip lips. Thanks to the '80s funk band Cameo, *word up* shortened

to a mere *word* was the *it* word (in my inner city high school, anyway). I think it's stood the test of time, because it's brilliantly clever and efficient.

Why say "I agree with you" or "I can't believe that happened" when you can just say *word*? And this slang word is extra special, because it's almost always delivered along with a slight head nod. When a slang word comes prepackaged with a little body language, it's got to be a keeper.

Sadly, there are a lot of ways we express *bad words*. There are *mean words*, *foul words* and *curse words* to that are offensive to some of us. Then there are the kind that hurt so bad they sting, and *fighting words* that bring the best of us to fisticuffs when spoken. There's even a song about words in songs that "kill us softly." If you are at this point, you can only hope to be at a *loss for words*.

If you do offend, luckily we have *soothing words* that wash over us to make everything better like a big, comforting verbal hug. And if we want something very special to happen or to simply disappear we can always say the *magic* word.

When I was in high school I was awarded a big, red unabridged Webster's Dictionary. It's well worn and dog-eared, but I still have it on my bookshelf. Right next to a *Roget's Thesaurus* and *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, because sometimes you want to be prepared to replace a word or even borrow someone else's.

I will close by saying even words that generalize have their place. As in, there is *always* a fresh, blank page waiting for a group of new words...next time.

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"Word, Roger."
"Word, Riggs."

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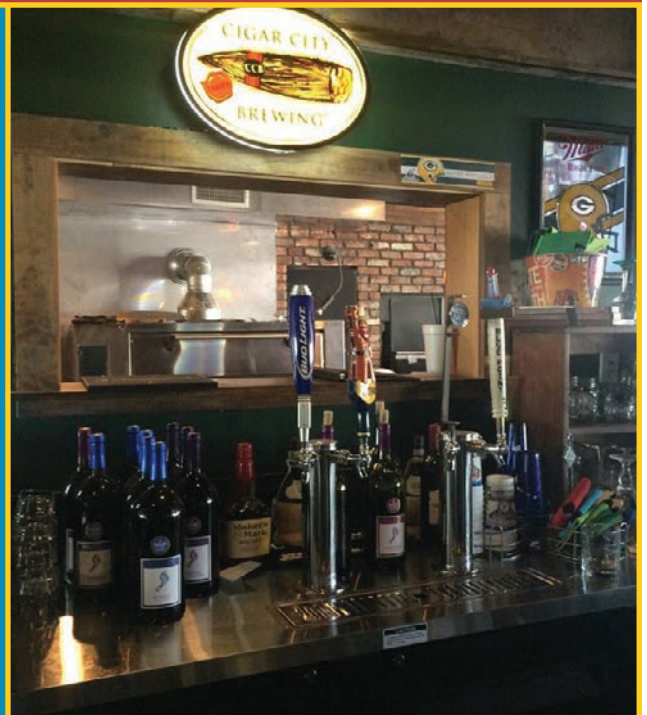
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FALL EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 30, OCTOBER 1 & 2 | DESTIN SEAFOOD FESTIVAL

The 38th Annual Destin Seafood Festival on the Destin Harbor Boardwalk will be a weekend full of entertainment on 4 stages, live music, arts, crafts and fresh seafood. FIREWORKS on Saturday night at 9pm!

SATURDAYS IN OCTOBER | FISH THE DAYS & ROCK THE NIGHTS

Watch the winning catches of the 68th Annual Destin Fishing Rodeo hit the docks with daily weigh-ins from 10am-7:00pm. Then Rock the Docks all night long with free live music on the main stage at 7pm and a FIREWORKS CELEBRATION over the Destin Harbor at 9pm.

OCTOBER 13 | LAGUNITAS CRAFT BEER TASTING DINNER

Lagunitas and Emerald Grande are teaming up for a special dinner with a chef selected menu and craft beer pairings. Reservations: 850-424-0622 \$65 per person plus gratuity & tax.

FALL FOOTBALL SATURDAYS

Are you ready for some football? Unleash your inner fan and score some great food and drink specials at Crab Island Cantina, Harry T's Lighthouse, Jackacudas Seafood & Sushi and Margaritaville during the games.

OCTOBER 29 & 30 | PUMPKINPALOOZA PARTY WEEKEND

The party begins Saturday at 7pm with a live concert, followed by a grown-up ghouls' costume contest with awesome prizes and FIREWORKS at 9pm! Sunday beginning at 2pm will be filled with spook-tacular family fun. Enjoy a kids' costume contest, arts & crafts and trick-or-treat all afternoon.

NOVEMBER 5 | BLUES, BREWS & BBQ

Hot BBQ, cold brews and live music! Area restaurants offer samples of creative BBQ styles (not necessarily the traditional pork, beef or ribs!) and signature coastal food during this spirited & fun competition. Purchase a tasting wristband for food, drinks and to cast your vote for People's Choice. Benefitting local charities. Advance tickets: www.eventbrite.com

NOVEMBER 10 | JIM BEAM BOURBON DINNER

Jim Beam and Emerald Grande present a special dining experience by pairing craft bourbon with a chef selected menu. Reservations: 850-424-0622 \$65 per person plus gratuity & tax.

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